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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER MULDOON

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1. COMING ON HEELS OF NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER MULDOON'S
DOWNGRADING OF SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE
PROPOSAL AND HIS DECISION ANNOUNCED DURING RECENT CODEL
VISITS THAT USN NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS WILL BE
PERMITTED VISIT NEW ZEALAND PORTS, HIS CLEAR, UNEQUIVOVAL
AND FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT JANUARY 29 REGARDING DIEGO GARCIA
IN MY VIEW MERITS RESPONSIVE MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION TO
MULDOON FROM PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY OF STATE.

2. I DO NOT THINK USG SHOULD FAIL TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUCH
OUTSPOKEN SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITION IN THE WORLD BY
LEADER OF ONE OF OUR CLOSEST ALLIES. IT IS PATENTLY CLEAR
THAT STATEMENTS REGARDING CONGRUITY OF U.S. AND NEW
ZEALAND POLICIES WHICH WERE MADE BY MULDOON AND HIS
MINISTERS TO CODELS HOLLINGS/GRIFFIN AND RANDALL WERE
NOT MERELY PROTOCOLARY.

3. RECALLING OUR DISCUSSION AT HONOLULU COM CONFERENCE,
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AN INVITATION FOR MULDOON TO VISIT U.S. THIS YEAR COULD

NOT BE MORE WELL-FOUNDED.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES FROM MEDIA FOR EMBASSY'S
REACTION TO MULDOON'S DIEGO GARCIA STATEMENT, I HAVE
CONVEYED PLEASURE "AT THE FORTHRIGHT POSITION EXPRESSED
BY THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION IN GENERAL, ANDTHE ROLE OF THE U.S. THEREIN
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